

R6 DAILY SUMMARY

December 11, 2012

Actions in SCOUT:

External Outreach:

- OEJTA Tribal Ombudsman participated in the R6 Tribal Caucus meeting at the Dallas Hilton Lincoln Centre Hotel. Topics of discussion included review of the 2009 Tribal Transition Document and review of the draft GAP Guidance. The full Regional Tribal Operations Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 12. (OEJTA)
- Staff met with the Lead-based paint program to discuss program authorization to ODEQ for the lead-based paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) and Pre-Renovation Education (PRE) programs and consultation with Oklahoma Tribes (OEJTA)
- Called ODEQ in reference to the Lake Thunderbird TMDL and requested the associated modeling files. (WQ)
- Will participate in the first meeting of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Restore Council) in Mobile, AL. (WQ)
- Participated in the LA Nonpoint Source Program annual program review in Baton Rouge. (WQ)
- Sent NMED end-of-year report for its Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) Program. (WQ)
- Discussion with ADEQ on the status of Parker Solvents Corrective Action. (EN)
- Provided TCEQ with an update on the status on AI Divestiture. (EN)
- Discussion with HQs and other Regions on issues and next steps for EJ Technical Review Pilot. (EN)
- RCRA and ORC representatives responded to questions from the Dallas Morning News regarding clean up of the Exide facility in Frisco, Texas. (PD)
- **PNM Update** – Michael Feldman spoke to Maureen Gannon (PNM) last Friday, 12/7 about supplying modeling results with any future proposal for our analysis and review. She agreed that the visibility analysis was an important component to any proposal and that a summary of any new visibility modeling results and model inputs would be provided, as available. She mentioned that there was a possibility that Ron Talbot would be contacting the RA or DRA early this week to discuss some potential alternate approaches, but that PNM and the other owners were still discussing what alternatives could be feasible and acceptable to the variety of owners. Michael called Maureen today and they have performed modeling on a scenario of SNCR on unit 1 and 4 with the shutdown of units 2 and 3. They are still working on the financials of this scenario, as well as discussing it with the owners. They are also working with S&L on the SNCR performance on these units. There may be some additional issues with SNCR performance on unit 1. Maureen is going to talk to Ron Talbot and get back to Michael tomorrow on what their path forward is and what they can share with us at this time. (PD)

Organizational/Personnel:

- Completed the interview process for the Chief, RCRA State and Tribal Oversight Section position. Acting DD will vet with Senior Staff at next opportunity. (PD)

Significant Emergency Responses:

Actions taken or Documents Issued:

- Issued a No Objection Letter to TCEQ for the Harris County Municipal Utility District draft permit. (WQ)
- Following meeting with the Health and Safety Officer (Kendra Gomez) to discuss job hazard analysis (JHAs) required training and equipment needs, Water will re-evaluate the types of field duties performed by the UIC section and update the JHAs. The Branch will also be submitting a progress report and a corrective action plan within the next week. (WQ)
- Briefed the DRA on technical concerns and draft letter to ODEQ with recommendations regarding the Midway Environmental Services application for a Class I, non-hazardous well in Lincoln County, Oklahoma. Headquarters has been notified of the issues and the branch is coordinating with USGS and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. (WQ)
- AO issued to Klondike ISD in TX under SDWA. (EN)
- AO issued to Texas American Water Co. dba Greenwood Village Water System in TX under SDWA. (EN)
- Final CAFO issued to City of Socorro in NM under CWA. (EN)
- Modification of the US Ecology of Texas CAFO was filed. (EN)

Pending HQ Decisions:

- Wise County: The Region provided its final drafts to OAQPS and OGC the end of last week. OAQPS informed us today that the Administrator is expected to sign the designation petition responses Thursday afternoon. PDF versions of the letters will be sent to the Regions by OAQPS. The electronic copies of the responses will not be posted until early next week, allowing for any outreach efforts to the petitioners. (PD)
- Conference call held December 5th on the Title V permit petition for the Luminant permit in Texas. The RA and DRA were briefed last week on the process and expected decision. (PD)
- Deputy and Associate Air Director participated in special subject conference call with OAQPS regarding implementation of the SO₂ standard, and issues related to designations based on modeling or monitoring. (PD)

HQ Visits:

Emerging Issues:

- The Comptroller's Branch is responding to several OCFO budget exercises.
- David Bloom from OCFO stated that the sequester will take place if nothing happens with the fiscal cliff. Basically, the agency will have 30 days to come up with an Operating Plan to accommodate the 8.2% reduction.
- RCRA program representatives worked with TCEQ on the upcoming community meeting in Corpus Christi. The meeting will be held on December 18th in the Dona Park community and will focus on remediation plans for the Encycle facility. (PD)